Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date: 3/6/2020	Bureau/Station/Facility: Santa Clarita Valley Station	Admin. Invest.? ☐ Hit? ☑

Incident Information

URN: 016-10281-0674-013	Date: 8/2/2016 Time: 2101
City or Station: Castaic	Nature of Incident: Deputies attempted to detain the suspect pursuant to a narcotics investigation. A deputy shot the suspect. The suspect was pronounced dead at the scene.
Location: 31558 Castaic Road	

Location Type (*check one or more*):
- ☐ Backyard
- ☐ Beach
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Freeway
- ☐ Industrial
- ☐ Park
- ☐ Parking Lot
- ☐ Residence
- ☐ Rural
- ☐ School
- ☑ Street
- Other:

Lighting (*check only one*):
- ☑ Darkness
- ☐ Daylight
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Street Lights

Weather (*circle only one*):
- ☑ Clear
- ☐ Cloudy
- ☐ Fog
- ☐ Rain

Distance: 10 feet

Incident Type (*check one or more*):
- ☐ Accidental
- ☐ Armed Person
- ☑ Fleeing Suspect
- ☐ Foot Pursuit
- ☐ Gun Take Away
- ☐ Moving Vehicle
- ☐ Sniper/Ambush
- ☐ Startle
- ☐ Struggle Involved
- ☐ Traffic Stop
- ☐ Unarmed Person
- ☐ Unintentional
- ☐ Vehicle Pursuit
- ☐ Warrant Service
- ☐ Warning Shot
- Other:

Initiated by (*check only one*):
- ☐ Arrest Warrant
- ☐ Call
- ☑ Observation
- ☐ One Person Unit
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Search Warrant
- ☐ Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*check only one*):
- ☐ Detective
- ☐ Inmate Transport
- ☐ Other
- ☑ Routine Patrol

Aero Unit? ☐ Canine Unit? ☐

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy: 1

Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect: 0

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*check only one*)	ShiftType (*check only one*)
[redacted]	Hefler	Casey	L.	☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
[redacted]	Anzures	Joel	F.	☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
[redacted]	Sanchez	Benjamin	D.	☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name: [redacted]		First Name: [redacted]	M.I.
Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]	Zip Code: [redacted]	Work Ph: [redacted] Home Ph: [redacted]
Last Name: [redacted]		First Name: [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]
Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]	Zip Code: [redacted]	[redacted]
Last Name: [redacted]		First Name: [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]
Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]	Zip Code: [redacted]	Work Ph: [redacted] Home Ph: [redacted]

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(*check one or more*)
[redacted]	Banks	Janice		☑ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting
				☐ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Welch	Richard	M.

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Shreves	Brian	W.

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SH # 2408949

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Involved Employee Information

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Involved Employee

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Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Brito	First Name: Jeffrey	M.I.: L.
Sex: M Race: H	Rank: DSG	Unit Assignment: Santa Clarita Valley	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 66B
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: Interviewed? ☑
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 8 hours	Duty Time (hrs): 8	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted] Height: 5'10"	Weight: 225		
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]		PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date:
Certified with Weapon Used? ☑	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted] Prior Shootings? ☐	Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: Smith & Wesson	Caliber: 9mm # Shots: 1	Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber: # Shots:
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]

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Sex: Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: Interviewed? ☐
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Age: Height:	Weight:		
Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit: Prior Shootings? ☐	Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber: # Shots:	Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber: # Shots:
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
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Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit: Prior Shootings? ☐	Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber: # Shots:	Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber: # Shots:
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

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Suspect Information

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Suspect Information

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Last Name: Bowers | First Name: William | M.I.: A.
AKA Last Name: | First Name: | M.I.:
Sex: M | Race: W | Street Address: [redacted] | City: [redacted] | State & Zip Code: [redacted]
Work Phone: | Home Phone: | Social Security #: | Driver's License #: [redacted]
Age: 51 | D.O.B. 4/16/65 | Height: 6'1" | Weight: 201 | FBI #: [redacted] | CII #: [redacted]
Booking #: N/A | Primary Charge: None (Deceased) | Secondary Charge:
Coroner Case? ✓ | Coroner Case #: 2016-05674 | Intoxication/Drug Usage? ✓ | Substance Used: Methamphetamine
Armed? ☐ | Apprehended? ✓ | Mental Illness? ☐ | Criminal History? ✓
Vehicle Make: | Model: | Year: | Parole: No | Probation: Yes | Prior Felony Conviction: Yes

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Last Name: | First Name: | M.I.:
AKA Last Name: | First Name: | M.I.:
Sex: | Race: | Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:
Work Phone: | Home Phone: | Social Security #: | Driver's License #:
Age: | D.O.B. | Height: | Weight: | FBI #: | CII #:
Booking #: | Primary Charge: | Secondary Charge:
Coroner Case? ☐ | Coroner Case #: | Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐ | Substance Used:
Armed? ☐ | Apprehended? ☐ | Mental Illness? ☐ | Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make: | Model: | Year: | Parole: | Probation: | Prior Felony Conviction:

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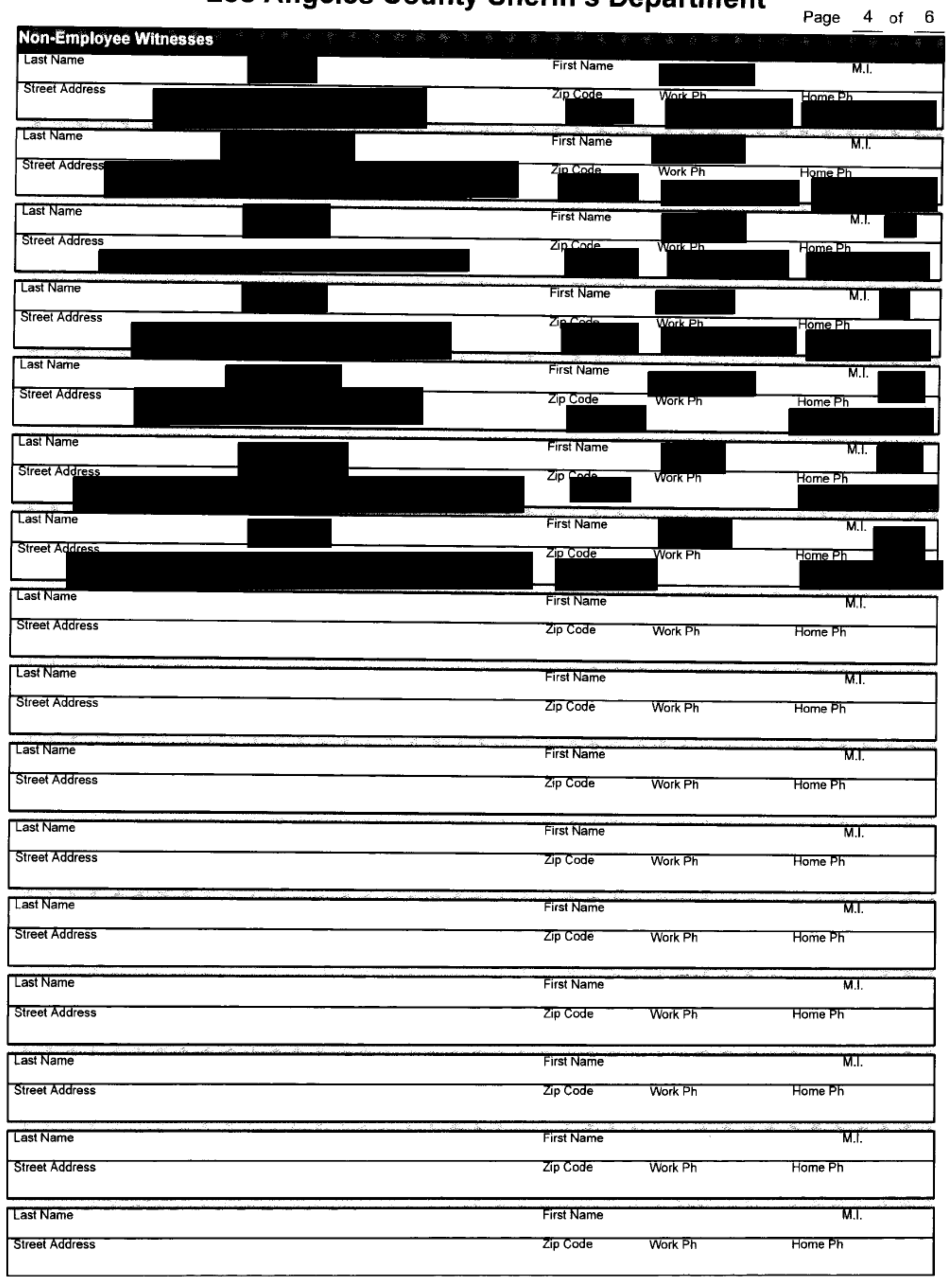
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Sex: | Race: | Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:
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Vehicle Make: | Model: | Year: | Parole: | Probation: | Prior Felony Conviction:

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SUPPLEMENTAL NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESSES
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department



Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]

SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYEE WITNESSES
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Banks	Janice	M.	14445 Olive View Drive, San Fernando	91342	747-210-3409	
[redacted]	[redacted]		21356 South Avalon Boulevard, Carson	90745	310-830-1123	

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Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
8/3/2016	0038	8/3/2016	

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Arballo	Carmen	A.
[redacted]	Adler	Kelly	L.
[redacted]	Watters	Dennis	M.

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(SS) SIG Sauer
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED (one code per block)

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S#1	E#1	UC					NN	
E#1	S#1	FH	SW	9	Y	Y	DH	CH

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

SH 2408949

INCIDENT: **Deputy Involved Hit Shooting**

URN: **016-10281-0674-013**

DATE / TIME: **August 2, 2016 / 2101 hours**

LOCATION: **31558 Castaic Road, Castaic**

SYNOPSIS:

On August 2, 2016, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) team comprised of Lieutenant Kelly Adler, Sergeant Carmen Arballo, and Sergeant Dennis Watters responded to Santa Clarita Valley Station regarding a deputy involved, on-duty, hit shooting. On April 1, 2019, this case was reassigned to IAB Sergeant Thomas Inocente.

Sergeant Marc Boskovitch and Detective Louie Aguilera from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau arrived and assumed control of the investigation. For further information refer to the Homicide casebook, under URN 016-10281-0674-013 **[EXHIBIT A]**.

On August 2, 2016, Deputy Jeffrey Brito was working routine patrol as unit 66B, PM shift, with his [redacted] Deputy Casey Hefler. That evening, Deputy Brito drove while Deputy Hefler rode as the passenger. At approximately 2100 hours, Deputies Brito and Hefler [redacted] at [redacted] Deputy Brito believed [redacted] was the address to the Rodeway Inn in Castaic, and drove there to [redacted] Refer to Deputy Brito's Deputy Daily Worksheet, and Incident History Report, [redacted] **(Miscellaneous Documents)**.

> **IAB Note:** **The Rodeway Inn is located at 31558, Castaic Road, Castaic. It is approximately 0.8 miles from** [redacted]

As Deputy Brito drove into the south driveway of the Rodeway Inn, he saw a man riding a bicycle in the parking lot. Deputy Brito immediately recognized the man as William Bowers (Suspect Bowers), a known local drug dealer who was on active probation for possession of narcotics. Deputy Brito had also heard from other deputies and members of the community that Suspect Bowers was known to carry a gun. Deputy Brito contacted Suspect Bowers on several previous occasions, and in each instance, Suspect Bowers was cooperative.

Upon seeing Deputy Brito, Suspect Bowers turned and rode his bicycle east through the parking lot on the south side of the Rodeway Inn. Deputy Brito yelled though his open window for Suspect Bowers to stop and illuminated him with his spotlight.

IAB Note: **Suspect Bowers was on active probation [redacted]. The conditions of his probation included the submittal to search and seizure. Refer to Suspect Bowers' conditions of probation (Miscellaneous Documents).**

Suspect Bowers ignored Deputy Brito and rapidly pedaled away from the patrol vehicle. As he rode, Suspect Bowers appeared to reach into his waistband and discarded small objects, which Deputy Brito suspected were bindles of narcotics. They chased Suspect Bowers in their patrol vehicle as Suspect Bowers rode toward the rear of the motel.

As Suspect Bowers approached the rear of the Rodeway Inn, he suddenly turned and rode through an inner walkway between the two buildings. Deputy Brito was unable to follow Suspect Bowers between the buildings, so he continued toward the rear of the Rodeway Inn.

When they arrived at the rear of the location, the deputies saw Suspect Bowers riding through the parking lot, back toward the front of the Rodeway Inn. Deputy Brito activated his overhead lights and siren and continued chasing Suspect Bowers. Suspect Bowers exited the Rodeway Inn, turning south onto the east unpaved sidewalk of Castaic Road. They continued following Suspect Bowers south, in the northbound lanes of Castaic Road.

Suspect Bowers rode past a large parked semi-truck and a chain-link fence bordering an empty lot. As Suspect Bowers passed the chain-link fence, he appeared to discard additional suspected narcotics over the fence into the empty lot. Deputy Brito paralleled Suspect Bowers in the patrol vehicle as they continued southbound. Several parked vehicles temporarily obstructed Deputy Brito's view of Suspect Bowers. Deputy Brito's concern that Suspect Bowers was likely in possession of a firearm increased, since Suspect Bower's immediate actions were uncharacteristic of him.

Suspect Bowers abandoned his bicycle approximately 150 feet south of the Rodeway Inn, near an in-service taco truck parked along Castaic Road. When Deputies Brito and Hefler reached the taco truck, they saw Suspect Bowers' bicycle, but did not see Suspect Bowers. Deputy Hefler approached the bicycle to investigate further while Deputy Brito remained with the patrol vehicle.

Standing near the taco truck were three Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff Trainee (DST's) academy recruits [redacted] and [redacted]. The three were staying at the Roadway Inn while attending [redacted] at the Peter Pitches Detention Center. They yelled out to the deputies and pointed toward Suspect Bowers, who was north of the taco truck, approximately 75 feet away, walking back

toward the Rodeway Inn. Deputy Hefler followed Suspect Bowers on foot while Deputy Brito paralleled him in the patrol car.

As Deputy Brito drove northbound, he saw the legs of a person behind a large parked semi-truck, walking north along the sidewalk. Believing it was Suspect Bowers, he positioned his patrol vehicle at an angle in front of the truck as Deputy Hefler was approaching the truck from the rear. Deputy Brito exited his patrol vehicle and drew his firearm with the intention of conducting a felony detention.

With his firearm drawn, Deputy Brito moved around the front of the truck looking for Suspect Bowers. As he rounded the truck, he saw Suspect Bowers walking toward him near the truck's passenger door. Suspect Bowers' hands were near the front of his waistband with his fingers interlaced. Unable to see if Suspect Bowers was holding an object, Deputy Brito gave Suspect Bowers commands to stop and to show his hands. Suspect Bowers continued walking toward him while maintaining his fingers interlaced at his waistband.

Deputy Brito used his weapon mounted light to illuminate Suspect Bowers. A nearby streetlight provided additional lighting. Beyond Suspect Bowers was a large vacant lot enclosed by a chain-link fence. At one point, Suspect Bowers raised his interlaced hands toward the center of his chest. Based on Suspect Bowers' previous evasive behavior, and his hand position and movement at that moment, Deputy Brito believed Suspect Bowers was holding a handgun and was about to shoot him. Deputy Brito fired one round from his firearm, striking Suspect Bowers on the left side of his chest. Suspect Bowers immediately fell to the ground.

Deputy Brito used his handheld radio to broadcast he had been involved in a shooting and requested medical aid to the location. Both Deputy Brito and Deputy Hefler detained Suspect Bowers at gunpoint until assisting units arrived.

The first to arrive were Deputies Joel Anzures, and Benjamin Sanchez, unit 66A. They met with Deputy Brito near the front of the truck and formed an arrest team, who approached Suspect Bowers, searched him and handcuffed him. Suspect Bowers was not found to be in possession of any weapons. Los Angeles County Fire Department paramedics arrived and rendered medical aid to Suspect Bowers, but subsequently pronounced him deceased on scene.

The area was searched, however, none of the items seen discarded by Suspect Bowers were located.

On October 12, 2016, a post mortem toxicology screening of Suspect Bowers' blood was conducted. The screening resulted in a positive test for amphetamine and methamphetamine **[EXHIBIT A, page 118-119]**.

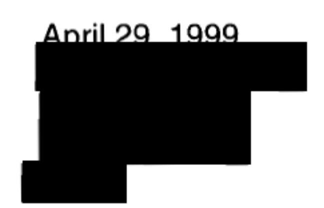
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION

The Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office reviewed the fatal shooting of William Bowers by Deputy Jeffrey Brito. In the Letter of Opinion **[EXHIBIT B]**, dated June 29, 2018, Deputy District Attorney Shannon Presby concluded there was insufficient evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Deputy Brito used unreasonable force when he shot William Bowers.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Jeffrey Brito, Deputy Sheriff
North Patrol Division/ Santa Clarita Valley Station

Date of Employment:
Date Assigned to Patrol:
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Shooting Incident(s):
Prior Founded Force Incidents:


[redacted]

EQUIPMENT WORN ON PERSON

Deputy Brito was wearing a Class A uniform with a gun belt equipped with the following:

Duty weapon (Smith & Wesson, M&P, 9MM) Keys, Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray, 2 pairs of handcuffs, flashlight holder, baton, portable radio, tourniquet, and double magazine pouch with 2 ammunition magazines. Deputy Brito carried a Smith & Wesson .38 caliber revolver as a back-up firearm in his pants pocket.

ROUND COUNT

Forensic Identification Specialist (FIS) Gloria Aldaba from the Sheriff's Crime Lab responded to Santa Clarita Valley Station for the purpose of photographing the involved deputies and taking custody of the weapon fired in this incident. Deputy Brito's weapon was loaded with 16 live rounds in the magazine, and one (1) live round in the chamber. FIS Aldaba took custody of the weapon.

SUSPECT INFORMATION

William Bowers (deceased)
MW/04-16-65

Suspect Bowers' criminal history [redacted]

Suspect Bowers' Consolidated Criminal History Report is included in the Homicide Book **[EXHIBIT A, page 90-100]**.

SUSPECT INJURIES

Suspect Bowers sustained a single gunshot wound to the left side of his upper torso. A single projectile was recovered during the autopsy **[EXHIBIT A, page 127-135]**.

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

None

WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT BOWERS

None

PROPERTY DAMAGE

None

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITION

This incident occurred during hours of darkness. The weather was clear and warm. The area was illuminated by exterior lighting from the Rodeway Inn and nearby streetlights.

RADIO TRANSMISSIONS

IAB Investigators obtained voiceprints of Dispatch-5, L-TAC, and A-TAC radio traffic **[EXHIBIT C]**.

IAB Note: The voiceprint for A-TAC contained radio traffic determined to be unrelated to this incident.

Dispatch-5:

00:26 Unit 66B advised 998 [Deputy involved shooting] at [redacted] Castaic Road (2101 hours)

00:56 Unit 66B requested 902R [Medical response] to respond to location. Advised suspect is down.

01:30 Unit 66B requested for 902R not to stage and requested SCC to "roll them in."

01:15 Unit 60S advised she was responding from Santa Clarita Valley Station.

02:20 Air 29 (Sheriff's Aero unit) advised they were responding to the scene.

05:45 Unit 66B advised 902R was still needed at the scene, requested a tactical radio frequency, and requested a command post be established at the intersection of Castaic Road and Ridge Route Road.

12:50 Unit 60S advised they are 10-97 [On scene] at the scene.

13:08 902R was 10-97 at the scene.

16:17 Request for all units to switch to tactical frequency.

L-Tac:

01:30 Los Angeles County Fire Department Battalion 6 attempted to contact Santa Clarita desk personnel. There was no response (2103 hours).

02:13 Los Angeles County Fire Department Battalion 6 attempted to contact Santa Clarita desk personnel. Fire department was asked to stand-by due to emergency.

06:35 Unit 62T1 advised Santa Clarita desk personnel he was staged at the intersection of Lake Hughes Road and Castaic Road with an ambulance. Unit 62T1 confirmed the scene was clear for the ambulance to enter. Desk personnel confirmed ambulance was clear to enter scene (2111 hours).

SURVEILLANCE VIDEO

Homicide investigators obtained video surveillance footage from exterior cameras at the Rodeway Inn, along with video surveillance footage from exterior cameras at Mike's Diner located at 31537 Castaic Road, Castaic **[EXHIBIT C]**. None of the videos contained audio.

Rodeway Inn video 1

Camera was mounted at the front of the Rodeway Inn, facing south.

20:58:02 Suspect Bowers rode his bicycle from the south side of the Rodeway Inn into the front parking lot.

20:58:33 A patrol vehicle drove south on Castaic road past the Rodeway Inn.

20:59:36 Suspect Bowers rode his bicycle south through the front parking lot as a patrol vehicle turned into the parking lot from Castaic Road. Suspect Bowers turned and rode his bicycle east along the south side of the Rodeway Inn and out of view. The patrol vehicle illuminated its driver's spotlight and drove east behind Suspect Bowers and out of view.

20:59:56 DST's [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] walked south [redacted].

21:00:27 Suspect Bowers rode his bicycle south on the sidewalk past the Rodeway Inn. A patrol vehicle appeared to chase Suspect Bowers with its overhead lights on. The patrol vehicle stopped briefly near the front of a semi-truck parked on Castaic Road, and then continued south on Castaic Road.

21:01:14 Suspect Bowers walked north on the sidewalk approaching the rear of the semi-truck. A patrol vehicle drove north on Castaic Road. The patrol vehicle's overhead lights were no longer on.

21:01:25 The patrol vehicle stopped at an angle in the street in front of the semi-truck. Suspect Bowers continued walking north on the sidewalk and near the middle of the semi-truck. Deputy Hefler can be seen walking north, approaching the rear of the semi-truck.

21:01:27 Suspect Bowers approached the front of the semi-truck. Deputy Brito exited his patrol vehicle and approached the front of the truck.

21:01:28 As Deputy Brito approached the front of the truck, he extended his arms and pointed his firearm downward, with his weapon mounted light illuminated. Deputy Brito fired one round from his firearm. A large tree north of the semi-truck concealed Suspect Bowers from camera view. Deputy Hefler was still approaching the rear of the semi-truck.

21:01:30 Suspect Bowers fell to the ground. Deputy Brito approached momentarily, then backed up toward the rear of the patrol vehicle. Deputy Hefler continued walking north on the sidewalk and stopped near the front of the truck. Both deputies continued to point their firearms at Suspect Bowers.

21:03:44 Assisting unit, Deputies Anzures and Sanchez, arrived.

21:04:31 Deputies approached and handcuffed Suspect Bowers.

IAB Note: **Based on the surveillance video timeline, it appeared the entire incident, from when the patrol vehicle pulled into the parking lot to when Deputy Brito fired his weapon was approximately one minute forty-nine seconds.**

Rodeway Inn video 2

Camera was mounted near the southwest corner of the Rodeway Inn, facing east.

20:59:52 Suspect Bowers rode his bicycle east through the parking lot on the south side of the Rodeway Inn. A patrol vehicle followed directly behind Suspect Bowers. Suspect Bowers was illuminated by the patrol vehicle's spotlight. The patrol vehicle's overhead lights were not on.

Rodeway Inn video 3

Camera was mounted near the southeast corner of the Rodeway Inn, facing west.

20:59:52 Suspect Bowers rode his bicycle east through the parking lot on the south side of the Rodeway Inn. A patrol vehicle followed directly behind Suspect Bowers. Suspect Bowers was illuminated by the patrol vehicle's spotlight. The patrol vehicle's overhead lights were not on.

Rodeway Inn video 4

Camera was mounted between two buildings near the east side of the Rodeway Inn, facing northwest.

20:59:52 Suspect Bowers rode his bicycle east through the parking lot. A patrol vehicle was directly behind him. Suspect Bowers was illuminated by the patrol vehicle's spotlight. The patrol vehicle's overhead lights were not on. Suspect Bowers turned north and rode his bicycle along a walkway between the two buildings. The patrol vehicle continued east through the parking lot and out of view.

Rodeway Inn video 5

Camera was mounted between two buildings near the north side of the Rodeway Inn, facing northwest.

21:00:07 Suspect Bowers emerged from between the two buildings on his bicycle. He turned and rode west through the parking lot on the north side of the Rodeway Inn. As Suspect Bowers rode, he appeared to reach into his back pocket with his right hand.

21:00:18 A patrol vehicle drove west through the parking lot. As it drove past the camera, the patrol vehicle's overhead lights were activated.

Rodeway Inn video 6

Camera was mounted upstairs near the northwest side of the Rodeway Inn, facing north.

21:00:06 Suspect Bowers rode his bicycle west through the parking lot on the north side of the Rodeway Inn. While riding, he appeared to reach into his back pocket with his right hand.

21:00:18 A patrol vehicle can be seen with its overhead lights on driving west through the parking lot.

Rodeway Inn video 7

Camera was mounted upstairs near the northwest side of the Rodeway Inn, facing east.

20:59:30 DST's [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] walked west through the parking [redacted] side of the Rodeway Inn and out of view.

21:00:13 Suspect Bowers rode his bicycle west through the parking lot on the north side of the Rodeway Inn. As he rode, he appeared to reach into his back pocket with his right hand. A patrol vehicle followed behind Suspect Bowers with its overhead lights on.

Mike's Diner video 1

Camera was mounted on the northeast exterior of Mike's Diner, facing northeast.

20:59:57 In the upper right corner of the video, Suspect Bowers can be seen briefly riding his bicycle south on Castaic Road. A patrol vehicle with its overhead lights on can be seen following the bicycle.

Mike's Diner video 2

Camera was mounted on the southeast exterior of Mike's Diner, facing southeast.

IAB Note: **During the first fourteen minutes of video (approximate), the top half of the screen is pixilated. Views of the area east of Mike's Diner are indistinguishable.**

21:49:07 Suspect Bower's bicycle was lying unaccompanied on the sidewalk. Numerous deputies were already on scene and crime scene tape had been set up.

INTERVIEWS:

The following narratives are intended as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL:

Deputy Jeffrey Brito

Homicide Interview

On August 5, 2016, Homicide Investigators Louie Aguilera and Marc Boskovitch interviewed Deputy Jeffrey Brito. The interview was summarized in the Homicide casebook **[EXHIBIT A, Pages 52-55].** Refer to Homicide transcript for complete interview.

IAB Interview

On December 3, 2019, IAB Sergeants Thomas Inocente and Hank Ortega interviewed Deputy Brito at Santa Clarita Valley Station. Attorney Amy Johnson attended the interview representing Deputy Brito.

On August 2, 2016, Deputy Brito worked PM shift as a [redacted] assigned to unit 66B. Deputy Brito's assigned [redacted] that evening was Deputy Casey Hefler. That night, Deputy Brito drove while Deputy Hefler was the passenger. They [redacted] at [redacted]. Familiar with the area, Deputy Brito believed the address was to the Rodeway Inn, and [redacted] **(Brito, page 7).**

As Deputy Brito drove into the driveway, he saw a man riding a bicycle in the parking lot in front of the inn. Upon seeing the patrol vehicle, the man changed his direction of travel, and rode eastbound toward the rear of the motel. Deputy Brito immediately recognized the man on the bicycle from numerous encounters in the past as William

Bowers (Suspect Bowers). Deputy Brito knew Suspect Bowers as a local drug dealer who was on probation. He had also heard from other deputies and members of the community that Suspect Bowers was known to carry a gun. In past encounters, Suspect Bowers was always cooperative and Deputy Brito felt he had built a rapport with him **(Brito, page 11-12)**.

While still seated in the driver's seat, Deputy Brito called out to Suspect Bowers. Deputy Brito could not recall exactly what he said, but remembered it being something to the effect of, "Hey Bill, stop. We want to talk to you". Deputy Brito told IAB investigators he intended to detain Suspect Bowers to conduct a probation compliance check **(Brito, page 15)**.

Deputy Brito could not recall if he initially activated his spotlight, or any additional lighting on the patrol vehicle. After Deputy Brito called out, Suspect Bowers looked over his shoulder at Deputy Brito and said, "Fuck you" several times, as he continued to ride toward the rear of the Rodeway Inn. Suspect Bowers' behavior seemed very uncharacteristic to Deputy Brito. Suspect Bowers had never responded that way before during previous encounters **(Brito, page 15)**.

Suspect Bowers rapidly pedaled his bicycle in what appeared to be an attempt to evade the deputies. Deputy Brito followed Suspect Bowers in his patrol vehicle. Simultaneously, Deputy Brito saw Suspect Bowers discard several items with his right hand. Deputy Brito described the items as, "small little bindles" made of plastic or cellophane. The items blew over the hood of Deputy Brito's patrol vehicle. Based on their appearance, Deputy Brito believed the items discarded were narcotics **(Brito, page 16-17)**.

Deputy Brito followed Suspect Bowers toward the back of the Rodeway Inn. Deputy Brito told IAB instigators he intended to detain Suspect Bowers pending a narcotics investigation, in addition to the original probation compliance check. As Suspect Bowers rode toward the rear of the Rodeway Inn, Deputy Brito again yelled through his open window for him to stop. Suspect Bowers made no indication he heard Deputy Brito and appeared to discard more, small, plastic bindles. As Suspect Brito approached the rear of the Rodeway Inn, he suddenly turned in between two buildings. The path taken by Suspect Bowers was too narrow for the patrol vehicle, so Deputy Brito drove to the rear parking lot, where he anticipated Suspect Bowers would reemerge **(Brito, page 20-21)**.

Deputy Brito told IAB investigators he considered initiating emergent radio traffic to request additional resources, but chose to wait, because he was unsure if they would be of any assistance by the time they arrived, since Castaic was approximately a "ten to fifteen minute drive" from Santa Clarita **(Brito, page 23)**.

Suspect Bowers rode his bicycle out of the Rodeway Inn parking lot and turned south onto the sidewalk of Castaic Road. Deputy Brito paralleled him, southbound in the northbound lanes of Castaic Road.

Deputy Brito sounded the patrol vehicle's air horn several times and yelled out his car window for Suspect Bowers to stop. Suspect Bowers continued riding and appeared to discard something over the chain-link fence that separated the sidewalk from an empty lot. Deputy Brito could not see what was discarded. Deputy Brito's concern was that Suspect Bowers was possibly in possession of narcotics and likely armed. His concerns increased as Suspect Brito continued to flee **(Brito, page 26)**.

Suspect Bowers continued riding south on the sidewalk, passing several vehicles parked along the east curb line of Castaic Road, one of which was a truck with an attached trailer. Deputy Brito continued paralleling Suspect Bowers, occasionally losing sight of him as he rode behind the parked vehicles. Deputy Brito continued southbound Castaic Road when he saw Suspect Bowers' rider-less bicycle collide with a light pole near a parked taco truck. Deputy Brito believed Suspect Bowers may have jumped off or fell off the bicycle prior to the collision **(Brito, page 29)**.

Deputy Brito stopped his patrol vehicle near Suspect Bowers' discarded bicycle. As he and Deputy Hefler exited the patrol vehicle, people standing near the taco truck began pointing toward the Rodeway Inn. Deputy Brito looked, but could not see Suspect Bowers. He then realized he left the door of his patrol vehicle open with the keys in the ignition, so he told Deputy Hefler he was going to retrieve the patrol vehicle. Deputy Brito did not recall giving Deputy Hefler any further directions. As Deputy Brito returned to his patrol vehicle, he saw Deputy Hefler walking toward the Roadway Inn **(Brito, page 30)**.

Deputy Brito paralleled Deputy Hefler in the patrol vehicle, maintaining sight of him as they looked for Suspect Bowers. As Deputy Brito approached the Rodeway Inn, he again drove past the parked truck with an attached trailer. He looked underneath the trailer and saw the legs of a person walking north along the sidewalk. Deputy Brito suspected the person was Suspect Bowers. At the time, Deputy Hefler was approaching the rear of the trailer. Deputy Brito could not recall if he communicated with Deputy Hefler about what he saw **(Brito, page 33)**.

Deputy Brito positioned his patrol vehicle at an angle near the front driver's side of the truck and used the truck as concealment. He exited his patrol vehicle and walked toward the front of the truck. Deputy Brito told IAB investigators he drew his firearm because he believed Suspect Bowers was a felony suspect and he was going to detain him **(Brito, page 34)**.

Although Deputy Brito could not initially see Suspect Bowers, he believed he was somewhere near the front of the truck. Deputy Brito believed Deputy Hefler was still near the rear of the truck trailer, because that was where he had last seen him **(Brito, page 34)**.

Deputy Brito moved around the front of the truck as he looked for Suspect Bowers. He described his movement as "Slicing the pie," stating he was "Bringing myself out a little bit" so he could see the passenger's side of the truck. He could not recall if his arms

were extended with his firearm pointed straight out, or if it was pointed toward the ground. He could not remember if his finger was on the trigger or if his weapon mounted light was illuminated as he moved around the truck **(Brito, page 34-35)**.

As Deputy Brito moved around the front of the truck, he saw Suspect Bowers approximately ten feet away, near the passenger door. Suspect Bowers was looking toward Deputy Brito as he continued walking north on the sidewalk. Suspect Bowers' hands were near the center of his waistband with his fingers interlaced. Although Deputy Brito could not see an object in Suspect Bowers' hands, his (Suspect Bowers') hands were closed together and appeared to be "cupped" as if he was holding an unknown object **(Brito, page 37)**.

Deputy Brito told Suspect Bowers, "Stop." "Let me see your hands." Suspect Bowers ignored Deputy Brito's commands and continued walking toward him. Suspect Bowers' hands remained in a cupped position, then rapidly moved up from his waistband toward the center of his chest. Deputy Brito could not recall if Suspect Bowers extended his arms or if he kept them close to his chest. Suspect Bowers was illuminated by a nearby streetlight. Deputy Brito believed he activated his weapon-mounted light at that moment **(Brito, page 38-39)**.

Based on Suspect Bowers' hand configuration and rapid hand movements, coupled with his uncharacteristic evasive behavior, Deputy Brito believed Suspect Bowers was pointing a gun at him and was about to shoot him. In fear for his life, Deputy Brito immediately fired one round from his firearm, striking Suspect Bowers. Suspect Bowers immediately fell to the ground. Just prior to the shooting, Deputy Brito did not see anyone else in the immediate area. Behind Suspect Bowers was a large empty dirt lot **(Brito, page 38-39)**.

Believing Suspect Bowers was still possibly armed, Deputy Brito moved back toward his patrol vehicle while continuing to detain Suspect Bowers at gunpoint. He used his portable radio to advise he had been involved in a shooting and requested additional units to respond to the scene, as well as immediate medical aid for Suspect Bowers **(Brito, page 40-41)**.

As Deputy Brito completed his radio traffic, Deputy Hefler approached him, and together they waited for assisting units to arrive before approaching Suspect Bowers. Fire department personnel responded and staged nearby, awaiting clearance to enter the scene. Shortly thereafter, Deputies Anzures and Benjamin Sanchez arrived. Deputy Brito continued to detain Suspect Bowers at gunpoint as the other deputies approached him. Suspect Bowers was searched and handcuffed, but Deputy Brito could not recall who did what. Fire department personnel provided Suspect Bowers medical aid once he was handcuffed. **(Brito, page 44-46)**.

IAB Note: **During his interview with IAB investigators, Deputy Brito used A photograph of an overhead view of the Rodeway Inn, and identified the path Suspect Bowers took, as well as the approximate areas he saw Suspect Bowers discard items [EXHIBIT D].**

EMPLOYEE WITNESSES:

Deputy Casey Hefler

Homicide Interview

On August 3, 2016, Homicide Investigators Louie Aguilera and Marc Boskovitch interviewed Deputy Casey Hefler. The interview was summarized in the Homicide casebook **[EXHIBIT A, Pages 49-50]**. Refer to Homicide transcript for complete interview.

IAB Interview

On December 3, 2019, IAB Sergeants Thomas Inocente and Hank Ortega interviewed Deputy Hefler at Santa Clarita Valley Station. Attorney Amy Johnson attended the interview representing Deputy Hefler.

On August 2, 2016, Deputy Hefler worked PM shift as 66B assigned to Santa Clarita Valley Station. Deputy Hefler was on [redacted] and working with his [redacted], Deputy Brito. At the time of the incident, Deputy Hefler had been on [redacted]

During their shift, Deputies Hefler and Brito [redacted]. Both deputies mistakenly believed the address [redacted] was the address to the Rodeway Inn.

That night, Deputy Brito drove, while Deputy Hefler rode as the passenger. As they pulled into the driveway of the Rodeway Inn, Deputy Hefler saw a man (Suspect Bowers) riding a bicycle in the parking lot in front of the Rodeway Inn. He recognized Suspect Bowers as someone he had [redacted]. Deputy Hefler estimated he had [redacted] Suspect Bowers [redacted] prior to that night. Suspect Bowers had always been cooperative with Deputy Hefler in the past. Deputy Hefler knew Suspect Bowers was on probation and was subject to search as a condition of his probation. Deputy Hefler knew other deputies had [redacted] Suspect Bowers in the past for [redacted] as well **(Hefler, page 7-8)**.

As they entered the parking lot, Deputy Brito illuminated Suspect Bowers with the patrol vehicles' spotlight. Deputy Brito pulled the patrol vehicle alongside Suspect Bowers and said, "Hey Bill, come talk to us." Suspect Bowers looked over his shoulder and said

something, but Deputy Hefler was unable to hear what he said. Suspect Bowers "threw his arms up" in a gesture that appeared to be a sign of frustration.

They followed Suspect Bowers in the patrol vehicle as Suspect Bowers rapidly peddled his bicycle through the parking lot toward the rear of the Rodeway Inn. As Suspect Bowers rode, Deputy Hefler saw him reach into his pocket multiple times with his right hand and discard what looked like small plastic bindles. Deputy Hefler believed the items were narcotics **(Hefler, page 12-13)**.

As they continued toward the rear of the Rodeway Inn, Suspect Bowers turned into the area between the two buildings. The patrol vehicle was too large to follow, so they drove to the rear of the Rodeway Inn. At one point, Deputy Brito activated the overhead lights and siren.

As Deputy Brito drove to the north side of the Rodeway Inn, Deputy Hefler saw Suspect Bowers ahead of them rapidly peddling back toward the front of the Rodeway Inn. As they followed, Deputy Brito quickly closed the distance. Witness Hefler told IAB investigators he did not think to request assistance or initiate a crime broadcast because he was focused on maintaining sight of Suspect Bowers **(Hefler, page 16-17)**.

Suspect Bowers exited the Rodeway Inn through the north driveway and proceeded southbound on the east sidewalk of Castaic Road. They paralleled Suspect Bowers in the northbound traffic lanes as Suspect Bowers passed a large "big-rig" style truck parked along Castaic Road. Deputy Hefler watched to see if Suspect Bowers would emerge from behind the truck **(Hefler, page 21)**.

Shortly afterward, he saw Suspect Bowers' bicycle laying unattended on the sidewalk, approximately 30 yards south of the large truck. He did not know where Suspect Bowers was. He alerted Deputy Brito, who then stopped their patrol vehicle near the bicycle. They both exited the patrol vehicle and walked toward the bicycle. Deputy Hefler then saw Suspect Bowers walking north toward the Rodeway Inn. Deputy Hefler estimated Suspect Bowers was approximately "50 to 75" feet away. Deputy Hefler did not know if Suspect Bowers saw them **(Hefler page 22)**.

As Suspect Bowers walked away, Deputy Hefler noticed Suspect Bowers' hands were not swinging freely at his side. Due to the distance, Deputy Hefler could not tell what Suspect Bowers was doing, and only recalled not being able to see his hands. At the time, Deputy Hefler did not think anything of Suspect Bowers' hand placement, and did relay his observations to Deputy Brito. Deputy Hefler pointed out Suspect Bowers to Deputy Brito and told him to follow him in the patrol vehicle while he followed on foot **(Hefler, page 24-25).**

Deputy Brito paralleled Deputy Hefler in the patrol vehicle as they progressed toward Suspect Bowers. Suspect Bowers reached the large truck they had passed earlier and was near the front of the truck when Deputy Hefler approached the rear of the truck. At the same time, Deputy Brito drove the patrol vehicle ahead and stopped near the

front of the truck. Deputy Hefler told IAB investigators he did not try to close the distance between himself and Suspect Bowers. Deputy Hefler stated he intended to maintain sight of Suspect Bowers as Deputy Brito drove ahead to cut Suspect Bowers off at the front of the truck **(Hefler, page 24)**.

Due to Deputy Hefler's position and the present lighting conditions, he was only able to see the silhouette of Suspect Bowers. He could tell Suspect Bowers' hands were in front of his body near his waist; however, he could not see what he was doing with his hands. As Suspect Bowers approached the front of the truck, Deputy Hefler heard Deputy Brito screaming. Due to the ambient noise of passing cars and the truck's running engine, Deputy Hefler could not make out what Deputy Brito screamed. At that moment, Suspect Bowers was still walking forward with his hands in front of his body near his waistband. Deputy Hefler could not see Deputy Brito. Deputy Hefler then heard a single gunshot and saw Suspect Bowers fall immediately to the ground **(Hefler, page 28-29)**.

Upon hearing the gunshot, Deputy Hefler drew his firearm and pointed it at Suspect Bowers. He slowly approached Suspect Bowers in an attempt to see if Deputy Brito needed help. Deputy Hefler called out to Deputy Brito and asked if he was hurt. Deputy Hefler could not recall if Deputy Brito responded, but recalled hearing Deputy Brito broadcast emergent radio traffic advising he had been involved in a shooting **(Hefler, page 31)**.

Deputy Hefler continued to detain Suspect Bowers at gunpoint while he waited for additional units to arrive. Deputy Hefler recalled seeing Suspect Bowers' chest rising and his lips moving, but did not see any further movement. At the time, Deputy Hefler did not think to render any medical aide **(Hefler, page 34-35)**.

Deputies Azures and Benjamin Sanchez were the first assisting units to arrive and they all approached Suspect Bowers. Deputy Hefler told IAB investigators he had difficulty recalling what happened immediately after the shooting, but believed Deputy Azures patted down Suspect Bowers for weapons.

A "few minutes" after the shooting occurred, paramedics arrived and provided medical treatment to Suspect Bowers. Deputy Hefler could not recall if any medical aid was provided to Suspect Bowers prior to paramedics arriving.

IAB Note: During his interview with IAB investigators, Deputy Hefler used a photograph of an overhead view of the Rodeway Inn, to indicate the path Suspect Bowers took, and the approximate areas he saw Suspect Bowers discard items [EXHIBIT D].

Deputy Joel Anzures

On November 21, 2019, IAB Sergeants Thomas Inocente and Dustin Carr interviewed Deputy Joel Anzures at Santa Clarita Station.

On August 2, 2016, Deputy Anzures was assigned to PM shift, unit 65B with his trainee, Deputy Benjamin Sanchez.

While traveling south on The Old Road, Deputy Anzures heard Sheriff's Communication Center (SCC) personnel broadcast that a deputy involved shooting had occurred on Castaic Road. A few minutes prior to the broadcast, Deputy Anzures checked on Deputies Brito and Hefler, who were [redacted], and thought it was the location of the shooting. Deputy Anzures responded Code-3 to where he had last saw Deputies Brito and Hefler **(Anzures, page 4)**.

IAB Note: The previous[redacted] was determined to be unrelated to the deputy involved shooting.

As Deputy Anzures returned to the area, he saw Deputy Brito standing behind his patrol vehicle on Castaic Road near the front driver's side of a large parked truck. The truck had an attached trailer and was just south of the Rodeway Inn. Deputy Brito had his firearm drawn and was pointing it in a downward angle at something out of his view in front of the truck.

Deputy Azures parked behind Deputy Brito's patrol vehicle and walked toward Deputy Brito. As Deputy Anzures got closer, he was able to see around the front of the truck. Deputy Anzures saw Suspect Bowers lying face down on the sidewalk, approximately ten feet in front of the truck. Not seeing Deputy Hefler, Deputy Anzures asked Deputy Brito where Deputy Hefler was. Deputy Brito then called out to Deputy Hefler, who replied from the opposite side of the truck, near the passenger door **(Anzures, page 6)**.

Deputy Hefler walked around the truck and joined Deputies Azures, Benjamin Sanchez, and Brito. They called out to Suspect Bowers, who did not respond. Although Anzures could see Suspect Bowers' hands were empty, Deputy Anzures was concerned Suspect Bowers was possibly lying on top of a weapon **(Anzures, page 11)**.

Deputy Anzures recalled asking at one point who the suspect was. One of the deputies said the suspect was "Bill Bowers." Deputy Anzures could not recall if he ever contacted Suspect Bowers before that night, but had heard from other deputies that Suspect Bowers was known to sell drugs in the area and would be uncooperative with deputies **(Anzures, page 10)**.

The deputies formed a contact team and approached Suspect Bowers. It was decided that Deputy Hefler would handcuff him once they determined it was safe to do so. As they approached, Deputy Anzures saw Suspect Bowers' arms move, and his head jerked from left to right. Deputy Hefler rolled Suspect Bowers onto his side and

handcuffed his hands behind his back. Deputy Hefler rolled Suspect Bowers over and Deputy Anzures searched his waistband. No weapons were found **(Anzures, page 13)**.

Deputy Anzures checked Suspect Bowers for a pulse, but found none. Suspect Bowers' eyes were open and his pupils were dilated, but they did not react to light from Deputy Anzures' flashlight. Deputy Anzures said he did not start CPR because Suspect Bowers did not have a pulse, and his pupils did not react to light. Deputy Azures believed Suspect Bowers was deceased. Medical personnel were requested to respond to the scene **(Anzures, page 16)**.

As they waited for paramedics, Deputy Anzures noticed a crowd beginning to form close to them near the front of the Rodeway Inn. Deputy Azures became concerned because he knew Suspect Bowers sold drugs at the Rodeway Inn, and believed the crowd was possibly comprised of Suspect Bowers' friends. Deputy Anzures directed Deputy Benjamin Sanchez to monitor the crowd while directing arriving deputies into the scene **(Anzures, page 18)**.

Approximately nine minutes after Deputies Anzures and Benjamin Sanchez arrived, fire department personnel arrived. Shortly afterward, Suspect Bowers was pronounced deceased. Sergeant Banks responded to the scene and was briefed, along with Homicide investigators who later responded.

Deputy Benjamin Sanchez

On November 25, 2019, IAB Sergeants Thomas Inocente and Hank Ortega interviewed Deputy Benjamin Sanchez at Santa Clarita Valley Station. Attorney Sherry Lawrence attended the interview representing Deputy Sanchez.

On August 2, 2016, he was assigned as [redacted] at Santa Clarita Valley Station. That day, he was assigned to PM shift, unit 65B with his [redacted], Deputy Anzures. Deputy Anzures drove while he rode as the passenger. During their shift, he heard emergent radio traffic from Deputy Brito advising he had been involved in a shooting. Prior to the emergent traffic, they saw Deputy Brito on a traffic stop about a mile away. Deputy Anzures drove back toward the area of the traffic stop.

Upon arriving, he saw Deputy Brito on Castaic Road just south of the Rodeway Inn. Deputy Brito was standing near the rear of his patrol vehicle with his firearm pointed at a man (Suspect Bowers) lying on the unpaved sidewalk, just a "few" feet south of where Deputy Brito was standing. Parked along the curb line, near Suspect Bowers was a semi-truck with an attached trailer **(Sanchez, page 4)**.

As Suspect Bowers lay on the ground, he clutched his chest with both hands. Deputy Benjamin Sanchez did not recall hearing Suspect Bowers say anything. A crowd of approximately twenty people emerged from the Rodeway Inn and approached the scene. The crowd became unruly and yelled at the deputies. One man in the group paced back and forth, and accused the deputies of using unnecessary force.

Deputy Benjamin Sanchez believed the group would attempt to enter the crime scene if allowed. Deputy Benjamin Sanchez directed the crowd to move back, and began containing the scene with crime scene tape **(Sanchez, page 6)**.

As Deputy Benjamin Sanchez put up crime scene tape, he saw Deputies Brito and Anzures approach Suspect Bowers and handcuff him. Deputy Benjamin Sanchez could not recall who specifically handcuffed Suspect Bowers, but recalled Deputies Brito and Anzures were involved. Deputy Benjamin Sanchez did not recall seeing any deputy rendering medical aid to Suspect Bowers. At the time, Deputy Benjamin Sanchez' back was to Suspect Bowers as he focused on the crowd. Deputy Benjamin Sanchez estimated medical personnel arrived five minutes after he arrived at the scene **(Sanchez, page 10)**.

Sergeant Janice Banks

On November 25, 2019, IAB Sergeants Thomas Inocente and Dustin Carr interviewed Sergeant Banks at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's substation at Olive View Hospital in Sylmar.

On August 2, 2016, Sergeant Banks was working a PM shift, EM shift double. Sergeant Banks was assigned as the watch sergeant for PM shift, and the field sergeant (SCT 60S) for EM shift. While at the station preparing for EM shift, she heard Deputy Brito's radio traffic advising he had just been involved in a shooting at the Rodeway Inn in Castaic. Sergeant Banks immediately responded to the location.

Sergeant Banks estimated it took her approximately fifteen minutes to arrive at the Rodeway Inn. When she arrived, she saw Deputy Brito and several deputies standing near the front of a semi-truck parked along the east curb of Castaic Road. An initial crime scene containment was established with crime tape.

Sergeant Banks learned that prior to her arrival, deputies checked the vital signs of Suspect Bowers and they determined he was deceased. Paramedics arrived at the scene almost immediately after Sergeant Banks. The paramedics assessed Suspect Bowers and confirmed he was deceased **(Banks, page 6-7)**.

Sergeant Banks obtained an initial public safety statement from Deputy Brito. Deputy Brito told her he fired one round in an eastward direction, striking Suspect Bowers. Sergeant Banks directed deputies to search the immediate area to ensure no one else had been struck inadvertently by gunfire. No one else was found injured.

Sergeant Banks directed deputies to broaden the initial containment established around the location and to establish a command post in a nearby parking lot. Sergeant Banks also directed deputies to transport Deputies Brito and Hefler back to Santa Clarita Valley Station.

Deputy Sheriff Trainee [redacted]

Homicide Interview

On August 3, 2016, Homicide Investigators Louie Aguilera and Marc Boskovitch interviewed Deputy Sheriff Trainee (DST) [redacted]. The interview was summarized in the Homicide casebook **[EXHIBIT A, Pages 46-47]**. Refer to the Homicide transcript for complete interview.

IAB Interview

On January 6, 2020, IAB Sergeants Thomas Inocente and [redacted] interviewed Deputy [redacted] at the IAB office in Commerce. Attorney Adam Marangell attended the interview representing Deputy [redacted]

On the evening of August 2, 2016, DST [redacted] was staying at the Rodeway Inn with his [redacted] and [redacted]. At the time, the three were attending the Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputy academy. They rented a room for the evening to be closer to the Peter Pitches Detention Center, where they were completing Department [redacted].

At approximately 2100 hours, DST's [redacted], [redacted], and [redacted] walked to a nearby taco truck parked on Castaic Road, near the Rodeway Inn. Shortly afterward, DST [redacted] heard a police siren and then saw a patrol vehicle with its lights on exit the driveway of the Rodeway Inn and turned toward them. At first, DST [redacted] could not see what the patrol vehicle was pursuing. He then saw a man (Suspect Bowers) on a bicycle. The man rode away from the Rodeway Inn south on the sidewalk toward DST [redacted] **(Sanchez, page 6)**.

Suspect Bowers rapidly peddled, appearing to flee from the patrol vehicle. DST's [redacted] and [redacted] stepped aside, allowing Suspect Bowers to ride past them. Suspect Bowers continued until he reached the taco truck where approximately twelve patrons stood.

DST [redacted] suddenly heard the sound of a bicycle fall to the ground and then saw the bicycle laying on the sidewalk near the taco truck. DST [redacted] then saw Suspect Bowers walking north on the sidewalk, back toward them. Suspect Bowers seemed to act "inconspicuous" and attempted to blend in with the crowd as he walked toward him **([redacted], page 13-14)**.

The patrol vehicle stopped near the bicycle and the passenger deputy exited. The driver turned the patrol vehicle around and the deputy who exited walked north on the sidewalk toward DST [redacted]. DST [redacted] raised his hands and yelled out to the deputy as he pointed toward Suspect Bowers. Suspect Bowers continued to look over his shoulder toward the deputies. At the time, Suspect Bowers' hands were down near his waistband. DST [redacted] told IAB investigators he

could not tell if Suspect Bowers' hands were in his pockets, in his waistband, or down at his side. DST [redacted] moved into the street as Suspect Bowers passed him ([redacted] page 18).

Suspect Bowers continued north and out of view behind a large semi-truck parked on Castaic Road. DST [redacted], along with [redacted] and [redacted] continued toward the taco truck. The deputy on foot walked past DST [redacted] toward the parked semi-truck. The deputy in the patrol vehicle drove past DST [redacted] and parked near the front of the truck as DST [redacted] and [redacted] arrived at the taco truck.

DST [redacted] saw one of the deputies standing on the sidewalk near the front passenger door of the semi-truck. The other deputy was standing in front of the truck. Standing in-between the two deputies was Suspect Bowers. DST [redacted] estimated he was approximately 20 to 40 yards away from the incident.

DST [redacted] could not hear any conversation between the deputies and Suspect Bowers, but he saw the deputies gesturing with their hands, and it appeared they were speaking to Suspect Bowers. Neither deputy had their guns drawn. It appeared as if they had detained Suspect Bowers. Believing the incident had concluded, DST [redacted] turned his attention toward the menu of the taco truck [redacted] **page 22-23**).

IAB Note: **In surveillance video taken from the Rodeway Inn, Deputy Hefler can be seen still near the rear of the semi-truck at the time of the shooting (Rodeway Inn video 1, 21:01:28).**

Approximately fifteen seconds after turning his attention away from the deputies, DST [redacted] heard a single gunshot. When DST [redacted] looked back, he saw Suspect Bowers lying on his back on the sidewalk, in the same spot DST [redacted] had just seen him standing. Both deputies were standing near Suspect Bowers. DST [redacted] did not recall seeing either deputy with their guns drawn. DST [redacted] did not recall hearing the deputies or Suspect Bowers say anything just prior to hearing the gunshot ([redacted] **page 26-27**).

Just after the gunshot, people standing near the taco truck began screaming. DST [redacted] remained at the taco truck and began directing people to stay away from the scene. Shortly after, other deputies began arriving on scene. DST [redacted] focused his attention on the people around him at the taco truck and never saw any of the deputies approach Suspect Bowers to handcuff him or provide medical aid ([redacted], **page 29-30**).

Deputy Sheriff Trainee [redacted]

Homicide Interview

On August 3, 2016, Homicide Investigators Louie Aquilera and Marc Boskovitch interviewed Deputy Sheriff Trainee (DST) [redacted] The interview was summarized in the Homicide casebook **[EXHIBIT A, Pages 47-48]**. Refer to Homicide transcript for complete interview.

> **IAB Note:** **On July 7, 2017, after completing the academy, DST [redacted] the Riverside County Sheriff's Department.**

IAB Interview

On January 6, 2020, IAB Sergeants Thomas Inocente and Stacie Reedy interviewed Riverside County Sheriff's Deputy [redacted] (DST [redacted] at the Lake Elsinore Station. Attorney Stephan Chulak attended the interview representing Deputy [redacted]

On the evening of August 2, 2016, DST [redacted] was staying at the Rodeway Inn with his [redacted] DST [redacted] and [redacted] (DST [redacted]. The three were staying at the Rodeway Inn for the night while they [redacted]

At approximately 2100 hours, the three of them walked to a nearby taco truck to get something to eat. The taco truck was parked along the curb of Castaic Road approximately 100 feet south of the Rodeway Inn.

While at the taco truck, DST [redacted] heard the sound of a police siren and then saw a man (Suspect Bowers) approximately 30 feet away, riding his bicycle toward them. A patrol vehicle, approximately 30 feet behind Suspect Bowers appeared to be chasing him. Shortly after, Suspect Bowers was no longer on the bicycle and began walking north on the sidewalk toward them. DST [redacted] could not recall if Suspect Bowers fell off, or abandoned his bicycle. DST [redacted] saw a deputy walking behind Suspect Bowers. Both Suspect Bowers and the deputy were now walking toward him at an 'average" pace **([redacted] page 7-8)**.

> **IAB Note:** **Deputy [redacted] statement to IAB investigators differed from his statement to Homicide investigators in that he told Homicide investigators he saw a patrol vehicle drive south on Castaic road and then turned around. During his interview with IAB investigators, DST [redacted] stated he first saw the patrol vehicle driving north on Castaic Road from Parker Road.**

As Suspect Bowers approached, DST [redacted] moved between two parked vehicles to get out of his way. DST [redacted] did not see Suspect Bowers discard any items as he walked past him. DST [redacted] could not recall if Suspect Bowers was doing anything with hands at the time, or where they were positioned.
As Suspect Bowers walked past him, they motioned to the deputy, directing him to where they saw Suspect Bowers walking ([redacted] **page 12-13)**.

As Suspect Bowers walked past [redacted] the patrol vehicle drove north past him. The patrol vehicle stopped in the street near the entrance of the Rodeway Inn. Suspect Bowers continued north on the sidewalk toward the patrol vehicle. The deputy on foot was approximately 30 feet behind Suspect Bowers. DST [redacted] had trouble maintaining a clear view Suspect Bowers due to several parked vehicles obstructing his view.

The deputy exited he patrol vehicle and pointed his firearm at Suspect Bowers. Suspect Bowers' back was to the deputy, facing a chain-link fence. The deputy yelled something at Suspect Bowers, but DST [redacted] could not hear what was said. It appeared Suspect Bowers was not paying attention to the deputy. Within a few seconds of hearing the deputy yell, DST [redacted] heard a single gunshot, then saw Suspect Bowers lying on the sidewalk ([redacted] **page 18-19)**.

After seeing Suspect Bowers on the ground, DST [redacted] recalled hearing sirens approaching. DST [redacted] could not recall if he ever saw anyone approach or handcuff Suspect Bowers. DST [redacted] was escorted to Santa Clarita Valley Station where he was interviewed by Homicide investigators ([redacted] **page 20-21)**.

IAB Note: **During his interview with IAB investigators, Deputy [redacted] used a photograph of an overhead view of the Rodeway Inn, to identify where he was standing, and where he saw the patrol vehicle at the time of the shooting [EXHIBIT D].**

Deputy Sheriff Trainee [redacted]

Homicide Interview

On August 3, 2016, Homicide Investigators Louie Aguilera and Marc Boskovitch interviewed Deputy Sheriff Trainee [redacted] (DST [redacted]). The interview was summarized in the Homicide casebook **[EXHIBIT A, Pages 45-46]**. Refer to Homicide transcript for complete interview.

IAB Note: **On November 11, 2016, after completing the academy, DST [redacted] resigned from the Department.**

IAB Interview

On January 3, 2020, IAB Sergeant Thomas Inocente conducted a recorded telephone interview with DST [redacted] On the evening of August 2, 2016, DST [redacted] was staying at the Rodeway Inn along with Deputy [redacted] and DST [redacted] They rented a room for the night at the Roadway Inn while they attended [redacted] at Peter Pitches Detention Center.
At approximately 9:00 PM, the three of them walked to a taco truck parked on Castaic Road near the Rodeway Inn and heard a police siren behind him. DST [redacted] looked back and saw a man (Suspect Bowers) riding a bicycle quickly toward him. Suspect Bowers appeared to be fleeing from someone. Shortly afterward, a patrol vehicle with its overhead lights and siren on exited the Rodeway Inn and turned south onto Castaic Road [redacted] **page 7).**

DST [redacted] along with DST's [redacted] and [redacted] continued to the taco truck and walked past a large semi-truck parked along Castaic Road, where Suspect Bowers rode past them. The patrol vehicle drove south on Castaic Road after Suspect Bowers. Suspect Bowers continued riding toward the taco truck, which was approximately 40 yards south of the semi-truck. As Suspect Bowers passed the taco truck, he dropped his bicycle and began walking north on Castaic Road, back toward the Roadway Inn.

The patrol vehicle stopped near Suspect Bowers' abandoned bicycle. The passenger deputy exited and walked north on the sidewalk, toward Suspect Bowers. The driver turned the patrol vehicle around and drove north on Castaic road. Upon seeing the passenger deputy, DST [redacted] pointed toward Suspect Bowers.

Suspect Bowers looked over his shoulder toward the deputy and placed his right hand into his waistband as he walked past DST [redacted]. DST [redacted] told IAB investigators it looked as if Suspect Bowers was trying to discard or retrieve something from his waistband. It also appeared as if Suspect Bowers was attempting to blend in with people in the area [redacted] **page 17-18).**

DST [redacted] lost sight of Suspect Bowers when he passed a parked semi-truck on Castaic Road. DST [redacted] could not recall where the passenger deputy went, but remembered seeing the patrol car drive north on Castaic Road past him. The patrol vehicle stopped just in front of the semi-truck.

Approximately four seconds after the patrol vehicle stopped, DST [redacted] heard a single gunshot. DST Deputy [redacted] did not hear any commands given by either deputies prior to, or immediately after the shooting ([redacted] **page 18-19).**

DST [redacted] saw Suspect Bowers lying on his back on the sidewalk, near the front of the semi-truck. The deputy who was walking behind Suspect Bowers stood just south of Suspect Bowers, pointing his gun at him (Suspect Bowers). DST [redacted] could not see the other deputy because the semi-truck blocked his view ([redacted] **page 22-23).**

DST [redacted] recalled seeing a deputy approach Suspect Bowers; however, he did not recall seeing anyone handcuff him or render him aid.

Civilian Witnesses

[redacted]

IAB Interview

On February 11, 2020, IAB Sergeants Thomas Inocente and Maricela Castillo interviewed [redacted] (Witness [redacted]) at Tommie's Diner in Castaic.

On the evening of August 2, 2016, Witness [redacted] was [redacted] parked along Castaic Road with his boss [redacted] (Witness [redacted]).

While inside of the [redacted] Witness [redacted] saw a man (Suspect Bowers) riding his bicycle south on the sidewalk past the [redacted] At the same time, a patrol vehicle appeared to be following the man on the bicycle. Witness [redacted] heard a deputy using the patrol vehicle's PA system, telling Suspect Bowers to stop. As Suspect Bowers passed the taco truck, the deputy appeared to catch up to him. Suspect Bowers stopped, got off his bicycle, and began to slowly walk back north on the sidewalk. The deputy in the patrol vehicle turned his patrol vehicle around and paralleled Suspect Bowers. Witness [redacted] did not see any other deputies get out of the patrol vehicle **([redacted] page 25-26)**.

As Suspect Bowers walked past the taco truck, both of his hands were near his waistband. At one point, Suspect Bowers placed his right hand in his pocket and appeared to discard an unknown item. Although he could not see what was discarded, Witness [redacted] believed it was narcotics based on his knowledge of the area. Witness [redacted] believed the deputy in the patrol vehicle could not see Suspect Bowers because vehicles parked along the road would have blocked his view **([redacted] page 27-28)**.

The deputy drove past Suspect Bowers and stopped his patrol vehicle in the street near the driveway of the Rodeway Inn. The deputy exited his patrol vehicle, pointed his firearm at Suspect Bowers and told him to "stop." Next, the deputy said something to the effect of, "I want to see your hands up." The deputy said this approximately three times. Suspect Bowers was facing the deputy with his hands near his waistband. The deputy was standing near his patrol vehicle, approximately 20 feet away from Suspect Bowers. Witness [redacted] said he had a clear view of Suspect Bowers' side profile as he (Suspect Bowers) faced the deputy. Witness [redacted] was unable to estimate his distance from Suspect Bowers, but recalled Suspect Bowers was standing near the driveway of the Rodeway Inn [redacted] **page 33-35)**.

After being directed by the deputy to show his hands, Suspect Bowers quickly moved his hands from his waistband to the side of his body. Simultaneously the deputy fired his gun two to three times [redacted] **page 38-40)**.

After the shooting, other deputies arrived. Witness [redacted] never saw any of the deputies approach Suspect Bowers. Witness [redacted] was later directed to leave his [redacted] after the scene was cordoned off.

[redacted]

IAB Interview

On February 11, 2020, IAB Sergeants Thomas Inocente and Maricela Castillo interviewed [redacted] (Witness [redacted] at Tommie's Diner in Castaic.

On the evening of August 2, 2016, Witness [redacted] was working with Witness [redacted] inside a [redacted] That night, the [redacted] was parked in its usual location on Castaic Road, in front of Tommie's Diner. While [redacted] Witness [redacted] saw a man (Suspect Bowers) bump into one of the taco truck patrons as Suspect Bowers ran north on the sidewalk. It looked as if Suspect Bowers was being chased; however, Witness [redacted] did not see anyone chasing him. Witness [redacted] looked to the south of the taco truck and saw a bicycle laying on the sidewalk [redacted] **page 12-14)**.

Witness [redacted] watched as Suspect Bowers ran north on the sidewalk, but lost sight of him as he passed alongside a large parked truck. Moments later, Witness [redacted] heard a gunshot. Witness [redacted] looked north and saw several deputies standing near the entrance of Rodeway Inn. The deputies appeared to be pointing their firearms at something. From where he was standing, Witness [redacted] was unable to see Suspect Bowers. Witness [redacted] did not hear any commands by the deputies prior to the shooting. Witness [redacted] admitted it was hard to hear outside due to the enclosure of the [redacted] **page 35-40)**.

Prior to the shooting, Witness [redacted] had seen Suspect Bowers in the area several times. Witness [redacted] never saw Suspect Bowers do anything "bad" and believed he was a transient.

[redacted]

Homicide Interview

On August 3, 2016, Homicide Investigators, Detective Ronald Duval and Sergeant Gino Okada interviewed [redacted] (Witness [redacted].

On the evening of August 2, 2016, Witness [redacted] was working at [redacted] located at [redacted] Castaic Road, Castaic. The business was

[redacted] from the Rodeway Inn. From within the [redacted], Witness [redacted] saw a patrol vehicle driving south on Castaic Road chasing a man on a bicycle. At one point, the man dropped his bicycle and ran back north on the sidewalk. The man hid behind the right front wheel of a truck parked near the driveway of the Rodeway Inn. Witness [redacted] said he could not see the man's body or head, but he could see his feet. The deputy stopped his patrol vehicle near the truck.

The man behind the truck "popped out" and the deputy shot him. Witness [redacted] said he did not hear the deputy say anything.

The interview was summarized in the Homicide casebook **[EXHIBIT A, Pages 34-35]**. Refer to Homicide transcript for complete interview.

[redacted]

Homicide interview

On August 3, 2016, Homicide Investigators, Detective Ronald Duval and Sergeant Gino Okada [redacted] (Witness [redacted]).

Witness [redacted] is a [redacted] from [redacted]. On the evening of August 2, 2016, at approximately 1800 hours, he [redacted] on Castaic Road, near the Rodeway Inn. He was accompanied by his [redacted] (Witness [redacted]).

In preparing for bed, he closed the windows, covered them with curtains and ran the air conditioning. Sometime later, he heard a "bang" coming from outside the [redacted]. He looked outside and saw a man lying on the sidewalk. A deputy was pointing his gun at the man. Another deputy knocked on the driver's door and ordered him and Witness [redacted] out of the [redacted]

The interview was summarized in the Homicide casebook **[EXHIBIT A, Pages 33-34]**. Refer to Homicide transcript for complete interview.

[redacted]

Homicide interview

On August 3, 2016, Homicide Investigators, Detective Ronald Duval and Sergeant Gino Okada interviewed [redacted] (Witness [redacted]).

Witness [redacted] is a [redacted] from [redacted]. On the evening of August 2, 2016, he was driving his [redacted] while accompanied by his [redacted], [redacted]. At approximately 1800 hours, Witness [redacted] parked their [redacted] on Castaic Road, in front of the Rodeway Inn. Their plan was to sleep in the [redacted]. Approximately 45 minutes after parking, he went to sleep. He was later awakened by a "popping sound." Witness [redacted] saw Witness [redacted] opening the curtains of the [redacted] and saw a deputy pointing a gun at

Witness [redacted] Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] were directed to exit the [redacted] and were escorted across the street.

The interview was summarized in the Homicide casebook **[EXHIBIT A, Pages 33]**. Refer to Homicide transcript for complete interview.

[redacted]

Homicide interview

On August 6, 2016, Homicide Investigators, Detective Ronald Duval and Sergeant Gino Okada interviewed [redacted] (Witness [redacted].

On the evening of August 2, 2016, Witness [redacted] was driving south on Castaic Road when he saw a patrol vehicle driving north toward him with its overhead lights on. The patrol vehicle pulled toward the side of the road near a semi-truck. The deputy exited, drew his weapon, and walked toward the rear of his patrol vehicle. A man suddenly appeared from behind the truck. The deputy yelled, "Get down on the ground" and immediately shot the man one time. Witness [redacted] said he did not have a good view of the man and did not know if he had done something with his hands.

Witness [redacted] continued driving south on Castaic Road away from the scene. He later called the Sheriff's Department to report what he had seen.

The interview was summarized in the Homicide casebook **[EXHIBIT A, Pages 38-39]**. Refer to Homicide transcript for complete interview.

IAB Note: **Witness [redacted] provided Homicide investigators with a photograph of the scene. On the photograph Witness [redacted] marked his direction of travel and where he saw Deputy Brito at the time of the shooting [EXHIBIT A, page 40].**

[redacted]

Homicide Interview

On August 3, 2016, Homicide Investigators, Detective Ronald Duval and Sergeant Gino Okada interviewed [redacted] (Witness [redacted]

Witness [redacted] resided at the Rodeway Inn with her [redacted], the [redacted] She saw Suspect Bowers in the parking lot of the Rodeway Inn and provided him with a bag of toiletries. While speaking to Suspect Bowers, Witness [redacted] heard the sound of an approaching vehicle. She saw a patrol vehicle enter the parking lot of the Rodeway Inn. Suspect Bowers then rode away on his bicycle. Witness [redacted] ran upstairs to the second floor of the Rodeway Inn, overlooking the

area to the south. She saw Suspect Bowers riding his bicycle south on the sidewalk while simultaneously trying to pull something out of his pocket.

Suspect Bowers dropped his bicycle and began walking back north on the sidewalk. As Suspect Bowers approached the rear of a parked semi-truck, he discarded what appeared to be a piece of small plastic material. The object floated to the ground as it fell. Suspect Bowers continued northbound. A patrol vehicle stopped near Suspect Bowers' bicycle and the passenger deputy got out and followed Suspect Bowers. The patrol vehicle continued north and stopped in front of the semi-truck.

The deputy got out of his patrol vehicle and shot Suspect Bowers. She did not hear the deputy make any commands. She thought it was wrong the deputy shot Suspect Bowers without warning.

On April 27, 2018. Homicide Investigator, Sergeant Marc Boskovitch conducted a subsequent interview of Witness[redacted]. She stated the deputies gave suspect Bowers multiple orders to stop, but Suspect Bowers chose not to. Witness[redacted]stated this incident was not the first time Suspect Bowers ran from sheriff deputies. Witness [redacted] stated she had nothing further to add, and requested she and her [redacted] not be contacted again regarding this incident.

The interview was summarized in the Homicide casebook **[EXHIBIT A, Pages 37-38 and 136-137]**. Refer to Homicide transcript for complete interview.

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Homicide interview

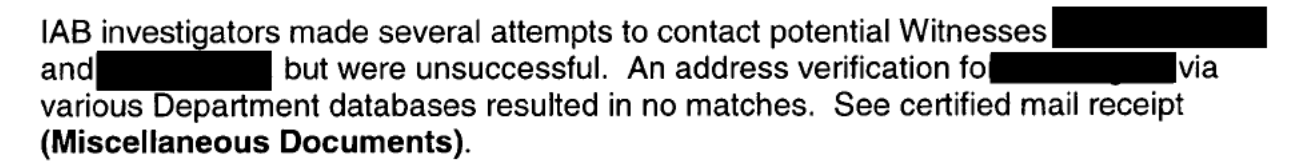
On August 3, 2016, Homicide Investigators Detective Ronald Duval and Sergeant Gino Okada interviewed [redacted] (Witness [redacted]).

Witness [redacted] knew Suspect Bowers as a local homeless person he and his [redacted] (Witness Alicia [redacted] would help occasionally. Witness [redacted]new Suspect Bowers used drugs. On the evening of August 2, 2016, he gave Suspect Bowers toiletries in the parking lot of the Rodeway Inn and then walked upstairs to the second floor walkway. His [redacted] remained in the parking lot. Suspect Bowers rode away on his bicycle when a patrol vehicle entered the parking lot. Witness [redacted] heard the deputy tell Suspect Bowers to stop.

Suspect Bowers rode through the parking lot and turned between two buildings of the Rodeway Inn. Suspect Bowers then returned to the front of the Rodeway Inn and rode south onto the dirt sidewalk of Castaic Road. The deputy followed him in his patrol vehicle. Suspect Bowers dropped his bicycle near a taco truck and walked back north on the sidewalk. As Suspect Bowers approached a pickup truck parked along Castaic Road, Suspect Bowers pulled something out of his left pocket and discarded it. Shortly after, Witness [redacted]eard a single gunshot.

The interview was summarized in the Homicide casebook **[EXHIBIT A, Pages 36-37]**. Refer to Homicide transcript for complete interview.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



IAB investigators made several attempts to contact potential Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] but were unsuccessful. An address verification fo[redacted] via various Department databases resulted in no matches. See certified mail receipt **(Miscellaneous Documents)**.